

Main Street Reisterstown Program Minutes

Location/Date: Reter's Crabhouse, Reisterstown - January 7, 2013

Attendees: Amy Mantay, Glenn Barnes, Mary Molinaro, Calvin Reter, Shirley Smith, Kathy Gambrill, Paul Davolos, Dan Carey, Kevin Kowitz, Tony Baysmore, Christy Tasker, Ernie Schmidhauser

Amy Mantay started the meeting with everyone introducing themselves. Calvin asked that all the documents be sent in Word form. Mary explained that some had requested the .pdf form and Amy needs it for the website so she will send the minutes in the future in both formats. Amy said that Captain McElwee will be attending our meeting next Monday to discuss safety in the community. Glenn said that he also agreed to come to the RIA meeting the following Tuesday night for anyone who can't come to daytime meetings.

Amy spent the rest of the meeting discussing the various committees. She will oversee each committee but is looking for a point person on each one. She is hoping to get them started working on their various tasks.

Organization: Mary Molinaro, Lorena DeLeon, and Alice Reid. Mary volunteered to be the point person here. Amy said this group should focus on what to do to get people involved. There will be an upcoming meeting one evening in March to introduce the group's activities and encourage attendees to get involved. We discussed asking Tim Feaser about holding it at Trinity Lutheran Church on Main Street because overflow parking can happen at the Middle School. Amy will check with the county officials who will want to attend and be sure not to pick a date during Holy Week, Passover or other holiday events which may conflict. This group will help spearhead the outreach to the community, property owners, and business owners. The county is working on a handout to provide to everyone. Ernie said that he would like to participate with this group.

Economic Restructuring: Paul Davolos, Glenn Barnes, and Calvin Reter. Paul volunteered to be the point person here. This group will try to get as many property owners involved as possible because it is their property that will be affected with the decisions made. Amy will have Jen share back the final spreadsheet she developed while working on the interactive website page where you can click on a property and find out the business located there. Shirley said that she would like to participate with this group.

Promotion: Glenn Barnes and Christy Tasker. Glenn volunteered to be the point person here. This group needs to focus on promoting the kick off meeting. We should be trying to focus on having an event each month and showing that through media announcements. There will be a Bloomin' ArtFest this year May 11th from 10am-5pm and Amy suggested thinking of a possible "mini-restaurant week" in February. January 25th a local group will be having an Oyster Roast at Arcadia. Amy will update the calendar she

been given to show 2013 events as much of it was demonstrating to her what was done in 2012. Ernie said he would like to work with this group.

Design: Irwin Kramer, Glenn Barnes, and Calvin Reter – Mary suggested that Amy ask Irwin to be the point person since he is a property owner and just went through the process of remodeling his historic property. He will have a lot to share with other owners. This group will examine the issue such as whether to be an “overlay district,” what building codes can be adjusted to assist owners, what being in an historic district means, façade improvements, streetscaping and signage. This is one committee that will be best served after the March community meeting when hopefully a lot of property owners will sign up and get involved.

Clean, Safe & Green – Dan Carey – Dan agreed to be the point person and the meeting with Captain McElwee next week should provide a good start for the safety of Main Street. Hopefully he or a Community Outreach person can attend future meetings. There was another robbery at the end of the month at the Citgo station and Christy said there was a robbery as well at Susquehanna Bank. Possibly we need to create a COP program for Main Street. Mary said that the Chartley group has had a successful one for years and can be a good resource. She will mention it at the next board meeting and encourage Dave Powers who heads to COP program to come and discuss it. In Chartley, many members are encouraged to keep their eyes and ears open when out in the neighborhood and the same can be done by business owners throughout the day along Main Street. Speeding is also an issue which should be addressed. Kevin said he would like to work with this group.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am

The next meeting will be held at Reter’s Crabhouse, Monday, January 14, 2013 at 10am.